

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2005

Present: Corey, Johnson, Mehigh, Runyan, Sanderson, Spring, Wagner.

Absent: None.

Guests: Judy Horton; Janet Washburn, Parks & Recreation Director; Shirley Sanderson; Helen Granger, The Independent; Bob Buschman; Cheryll Warren, The Argus Press; Officer Angelo Panos, Police Department; Gary Arnold, Capital Consultants; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the previous regular meeting minutes dated June 20, 2005 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Spring.

No: None.

Abstain: Mehigh.

Motion CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL MEETING: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to approve the previous special meeting minutes dated June 22, 2005 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Johnson, Spring, Wagner. Johnson.

No: None.

Abstain: Mehigh.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of the Proclamation Presentation.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spring, Runyan, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the vendor disbursements dated June 17, 2005 and June 30, 2005 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Runyan, Wagner, Spring, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bob Buschman thanked the council and all of the volunteers for helping

with the Fourth of July Celebration. He asked the council to thank the fireworks people for putting on a good show.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Joe Sawyer reviewed the city's June 2005 website statistics.

CONSIDER DISCHARGE OF KEVIN BROWN FROM THE CORUNNA FOURTH OF JULY

COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to accept the removal of Kevin Brown from the Corunna Fourth of July Commission effective immediately.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Spring, Runyan, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AWARD SEWER LINING BID: Gary Arnold, Capital Consultants, advised three bids were received and the bid from Insituform Technologies came in 33 percent under the pre-bid estimate. This will allow the city to extend its sewer lining project beyond what the city was originally going to do. He further advised this bid will allow the city to do additional lining of its eight inch sewer lines and inspect all of the sewer leads in the city. He also advised his company has worked with Insituform Technologies in the past and strongly recommend that they be awarded the project. Once the bid is awarded tonight, the information will be sent to the MEDC for their concurrence and the project should begin within 30 days. Mr. Sawyer advised there should be minimal construction disturbance and the only excavation work to be done will be manhole replacements. Mr. Arnold stated door hangers will be put on the resident's doors in the areas where the sewer will be lined advising the residents to refrain from washing clothes or using their toilets for a period of four to six hours during the construction period. Councilperson Sanderson asked if a priority list would be used and if the sewer line by the jail and the Corunna V.F.W. would be replaced first. Mr. Sawyer advised the worse lines would be done first. Councilperson Sanderson asked if there was a timeframe when the construction would be done. Mr. Arnold advised he believed the completion date is November 1. Mr. Sawyer advised the jail issue has not been resolved yet. Mayor Corey advised this is something that the same process could not be used on. Mr. Arnold advised there are two different types of pipe material at the jail and there are connections underneath the jail floor in the basement that will be a little tricky plus there is a manhole there too. Councilperson Mehigh asked if the city has any sewer lines less than eight inches. Mr. Arnold advised yes but not a lot. Councilperson Sanderson asked if there would be any inconvenience to the people traveling up and down the streets. Mr. Arnold advised it would depend on where the manholes are located. Johnson moved, Spring seconded to award the 2005 sewer lining bid to Insituform Technologies in the amount of \$824,106.80.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehigh, Runyan, Spring.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Mr. Arnold reviewed the city projects currently in progress. He advised the Shiawassee Street Bridge project has been closed out by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

He has just started the downtown parking project. He further advised he is waiting to hear from the National Guard about the Corunna Avenue sanitary sewer project that will extend the city's sewer to the new National Guard building, the road commission building and the school district property. Pricing information has been provided to them but he has not received an answer back yet. Mr. Arnold also advised the water main serving the Slesseman Drive area is a dead end water main and does not loop around. The new water main project will provide a new 12-inch water main up to the Newcor site and will start at the old number four well site across from the Ferry Street pump station and will run north through two easements yet to be secured up to Slesseman Drive and will hook into the 12-inch water main, which will complete a loop to the Slesseman Drive area.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Janet Washburn stated it was too bad that all of the people who were at the meetings on the controversial issues were not here tonight to hear all of the good news tonight. She thanked Larry Runyan for running a very good special meeting and for keeping people on track. It was a very professional meeting and she thought everybody had an opportunity to say what they wanted to say. Ms. Washburn further stated there was an issue that came up at that meeting which dealt with the verbiage of an ordinance. She looked over the proposal that was given to the city council and the direction that was given to Mr. Sawyer and his staff, but the information that was given to the city council stated the community center only. She also stated she and some of the members of the council were surprised to find out that night that the commercial building had been included on the agenda. Ms. Washburn advised she was at a loss for words and stumbled over herself trying to find out what had happened because she and Mr. Sawyer had come to an agreement and knew what they were doing. She kept her mouth shut to some degree but she did tell the audience that Mr. Sawyer must have changed the ordinance at the very last minute and did not know what had transpired. She further advised this has bothered her and she has been upset about it because she knows her integrity and Mr. Sawyer's integrity was at stake. Mr. Sawyer did not change the ordinance and she did not know who took it upon themselves to make that decision but she feels that person did not keep anybody that was going to answer the hard questions in the loop and that is her problem. She also advised she hopes that something is learned from this and she knows she is only a part-time person, but if she is given a job to do, she wants the council to at least keep her in the loop on what is going on. Councilperson Runyan stated he has to take the responsibility for what happened. The agenda that was published in the paper just listed the community center, but he asked to have the commercial building added because the previous ordinance that was in the packets, which was going to be used to reconstruct a new ordinance, had both the community center and the commercial building in it. He further stated the night of the meeting it had slipped his mind that he did that and he apologized and advised that it was his fault for adding it but he wanted everything to be right.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Sanderson asked if the sewer spillage in Durand would cause any problems for the City of Corunna. Ms. Washburn advised no one should use the river. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the people in Corunna should be told what has gone on. Mayor Corey advised the Shiawassee County Environmental Health Department is responsible for notifying people. Mr. Sawyer asked what happened. Councilperson Sanderson advised one of their pump stations went down and there was an

article in the Argus Press tonight.

Councilperson Wagner advised the Fourth of July festivities were great and the fireworks were great.

Councilperson Johnson stated the crowd enjoyed the water ball competition. She thanked the Fourth of July Commission and all of the volunteers and advised they amaze her every year with what they can do. She further stated she wanted to thank the police department, Sheriff Department Posse, fire department, and the ambulance service for their efforts in keeping everyone safe. The park was packed during the fireworks and the fireworks were beautiful from what she could see.

Councilperson Runyan thanked all of the volunteers and everyone else for putting in two or three days of work for a one-day event.

Councilperson Spring commended the Park and Recreation Commission for trying to come up with a solution. He knows they have taken a lot of heat about having alcohol in the community center and he thought it was nice that they are trying to come up with solutions. Even though people do not want this, at least the issue was brought up. He stated he hates to see the commission walk away from that special meeting thinking that no one was supporting them but this is not the case because he thinks they are doing a tremendous job and he would like to see the commission keep coming up with ideas.

Councilperson Mehig congratulated Judy and Al Horton for being named Grand Marshall because he could not think of anyone else who were more deserving of this honor. The Horton's are practically full-time employees in the park and they get nothing for it. Councilperson Mehig stated the people who selected them did an outstanding job this year.

Mayor Corey thanked everyone who worked on the Fourth of July especially the people on the commission. They do an incredible job and in spite of the rain over the past three years the event was well attended. He stated when he went down to the park at 9:00 p.m., the park was filled again with people waiting for the fireworks. Mayor Corey thanked Councilperson Spring for letting him shoot the cannon and it is probably not a big deal for him but it was awesome. Mayor Corey stated he was sorry to see that one of the city's finest police officers was leaving. The city has received a resignation letter from Paul Richardson and he wishes the city was not losing him. Mayor Corey further stated he has gotten so many comments on Mr. Richardson's conduct from individuals in the city and he will be greatly missed. He hopes the city can find somebody as equally as good to replace him. He also stated he believes the council needs to accept the resignations of Frank and Dawn Rodriguez at the next meeting because at the previous council meeting, the council officially appointed them to that committee. Mayor Corey advised he was sorry to see them get off the committee. He further advised he was contacted by Nancy McLaughlin who is the Spanish teacher at the high school and she started talking about Corunna's sister in Spain so he is going to send a letter to Corunna's sister city to try to get some dialogue going with them. He also advised he would keep the council posted on what is going on

because he thought this could be real exciting. The police department has a picture of a tower on its police patches that he believes is called Hercules Tower so this could be real interesting if the city can get some correspondence back.

ADJOURN: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Runyan, Spring, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:42 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

LINDA LECUREUX, DEPUTY CITY CLERK